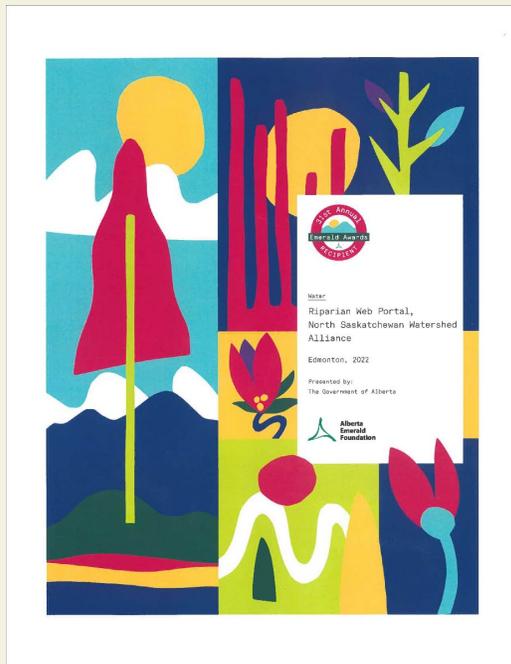




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NSWA WINS AN EMERALD AWARD!



The NSWA is honoured to receive an **Alberta Emerald Award** in the Water category for the **Riparian Web Portal**. The Web Portal is one of the NSWA's **Riparian Health Action Plan** projects, and its development has been a collaborative effort with several other WPACs, especially the **Battle River Watershed Alliance**. Thank you to all who have supported it!

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The **Riparian Web Portal** was featured in the June edition of Water Canada! Subscribers can learn how the web portal connects stakeholders and riparian resources. The Portal provides a space for people to share their riparian restoration projects for others to be inspired. NSWA was honored to be featured in this publication.

[READ MORE](#)

NSWA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2022





NSWA's AGM was held on June 22, 2022 at the Pioneer Cabin in Edmonton's River Valley. Attendees had a chance to meet our **new Executive Director, Scott Millar** and to give Leah Kongsrude our best wishes on her retirement. It was wonderful to see so many friends again in person!

Speakers highlighted the Riparian Web Portal, the WaterSHED Monitoring Program and the work towards an updated State of the Watershed Report for the North Saskatchewan River.

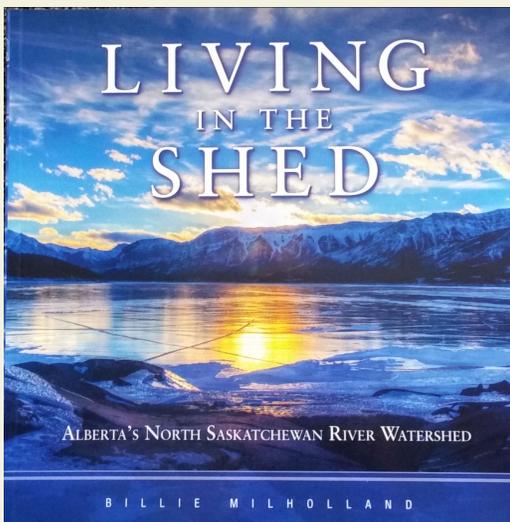
We would like to welcome our newly elected **Board Executive**:

Steph Neufeld – Chair
Kyle Schole – Vice Chair
Adam Polzen – Treasurer
Kristina Kowalski - Secretary

The 2021-2022 Annual Report, Audited Financial Statement and other AGM information are all now posted on our website. Thank you for your continued interest in the NSWA. To keep up to date on NSWA events and activities you can sign up for our newsletter on our website.

[AGM MATERIALS](#)

LIVING IN THE SHED HAS GONE DIGITAL!



NSWA's book Living in the Shed has now gone digital! You can access the book at the through the University of Alberta's internet archive web portal.

We greatly appreciate all of the work of the **University of Alberta Library and Archives staff** to enable this book to be made available to a worldwide audience!

If you would like a hard copy of the book we still have some available for purchase at our office for \$20 each (cash only please). Email us at water@nswa.ab.ca to arrange a time to pick up a copy.

The book has information on the North Saskatchewan River - historical facts, science and natural features information, and amazing photography contributed by Images Alberta Camera Club members

[Living in the Shed](#)

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE AGM

On a sunny June 16th, the **Vermilion River Watershed Alliance (VRWA)** hosted their **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** at the Vegreville Regional Museum in person - finally! Attendees were excited to receive updates on the initiatives of the VRWA as well as financial statements and highlights from the Annual Report.

Prior to the AGM, the VRWA hosted an engaging session to begin the development of their strategic plan for 2023-2025. The strategic plan prioritizes goals and directions identified in the Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan. It will help guide future efforts of the VRWA by providing action items and setting timeframes to meet watershed stewardship goals. On behalf of the VRWA and NSWA, thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and provide input! Photos by K. Norton



VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE BLOG

Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.

JUNE'S BLOG:
Getting our feet wet in water quality monitoring



To learn more, go to:
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



This month's blog is about water quality monitoring in the Vermilion subwatershed. with Lakeland College students. Did they get their feet wet? Check out the [VRWA blog!](https://vrwa.ca/blog/)

BIG ISLAND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION



In partnership with the Enoch Cree Nation and the City of Edmonton, Alberta Environment and Parks is seeking feedback on the proposed establishment of Big Island Provincial Park, a 68 hectare parcel of Crown land in southwest Edmonton along the North Saskatchewan River. For more information and to give your feedback, check the link below.

[BIG ISLAND INFORMATION](#)

JOIN US FOR SOME WETLAND FUN!!

Wetland Explorers

Buggin' out Down by the River

July 22, 10-11:30am

Meet at the East Outlet of the Vermilion River Dam, accessible on Pare Drive.

Explore our watershed and some of the bugs living there!

-Ages 5-12

-Visit www.vplibrary.ca/bugs or scan

the QR code for more information & to register

-Kids must be adult accompanied



Join NSWA in exploring some wetlands and bugs! This event will be held at the East Outlet of the Vermilion River Dam on July 22, 10 to 11:30 am. For more information and to register visit www.vplibrary.ca/bugs or use the QR code in the image. Please note that all kids must be accompanied by an adult.

NSWA will also have some displays and activities at many other events this summer - hope to see you! Look for the NSWA tent at many locations in the watershed and come say hi!

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

Job Opportunities: the [Alberta Water Council](#) is hiring for a Project Manager. As well, the [Red Deer River Watershed Alliance](#) is seeking an Executive Director.

The [Environmental Law Centre](#) posted articles to their website: [Water Law in Alberta: A Comprehensive Guide](#) and another on [A Focus on Forest Management Agreements](#).

A website with information on [Alberta's Native Trout](#) provides information and tools to help protect and support these important species.

[Nature Alberta](#) is hosting a series of events on a variety of topics from bird counts to tree planting. Check out their website for more [information](#).

Check out the [NSWA DISCOVERS](#) section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to Alberta-based charities through their [ATB Cares Web Portal](#). It is easy to use and automatically issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

For more information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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